(c) the steps taken to lay proper emphasis in increasing the herbal exports from the country; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No Sir. Details of export of Indian herbal products during the period from 1996-97 till 1998-1999 as per DGCI&S data are as follows:

1996-97 Rs. 197.6 Crores

1997-98 Rs. 239.9 Crores

1998-99 Rs. 244.6 Crores

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government is extending Market Development Assistance for exporters including the ayurvedic and herbal exporters for competing in foreign markets through participation in overseas fairs, exhibitions, for mounting trade delegations and for conducting market surveys in foreign countries. Department of Indian System of Medicines and Homeopathy under Government of India exclusively concentrates on all aspects of herbal industry to redress various problems faced by the industry. To provide more focussed attention to export of herbal products, Chemexcil, the concerned Export Promotion Council under Department of Commerce, has a separate Ayurvedic sub-panel. Further, Government is constantly interacting the herbal industry and the concerned associations to identify and deal with the problems faced by the exporters.

Lifting of Ban/Restrictions on Indian Companies

2492 CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Administration recently lifted ban/restrictions on some Indian companies during the visit of President Clinton;

(b) if so, the details of such companies;

(c) the extent of loss these companies suffered due to such restrictions; and

(d) the details of trade including imports and exports taken place between Indian and U.S. during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Indian entities affected by the export restrictions imposed by USA as a part of its restrictive economic measures have hardly any export to the USA, and therefore, there is not any noticeable adverse impact on our export.

(d) Details are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

STATEMENT-I

The details of exports and imports between India and USA

(Rs. in crores)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS
1996-97	23271.68	13084.90
1997-98	25276.65	13813.69
1998-99	30841.56	15319.25

STATEMENT-II

Entities Removed from Entity List

Ambarnath Machine Tool Prototype Factory

Ambarnath Ordnance Factory

Aruvankadu Cordite Factory

Avadi Combine Engine Plant

Avadi Heavy Vehicle Factory

Avadi Ordnance Clothing Factory

Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd. (BHEL) Hardwar and Ranipet*

Bhusewal Ordnance Factory

Chandigarh Ordnance Cable Factory

Chandigarh Ordnance Parachute Factory

Combat Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE)

Cossipore Gun and Shell Factory

Defence Bio-Engineering and Electro-Medical Laboratory (DEBEL)

Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL)

Defence Institute of Fire Research (DIFR)

Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS)

Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR)

Defence Institute of Workstudy (DIWS)

Defence Research and Development Unit (DRDU)

Defence Research Laboratory (DRL)

Defence Terrain Research Laboratory (DTRL)

Dehra Dun Opto-Electronics Factory

Dehra Dun Ordnance Factory

Dehu Road Ordnance Factory

Hazratpur Ordnance Equipment Factory

Institute of Mathematical Sciences

Institute of Physics

Institute for Systems Studies and Analyses (ISSA)

Interuniversity Consortium of DAE Facilities

Jabalpur Gray Iron Foundry

Jabalpur Gun Carriage Factory

Kanpur Field Gun Factory

Kanpur Ordnance Parachute Factory

Kanpur Small Arms Factory

Katni Ordnance Factory

Khamaira Ordnance Factory

Kirkee Ammunition Factory

Medak Grey Iron Foundry

Medak Ordnance Factory

Mehta Research Institute of Maths and Math Physics

Naval Chemical and Metallurgical Laboratory (NCML)

Ordnance Factories Staff College

Ordnance Factories Training Institutes

Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics Scientific Analysis Group (SAG)

Sahajahanpur Ordnance Clothing Factory

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

Tiruchchirappalli Heavy Alloy Penetrator Projcct

Titlagarh Ammunition Plant

Varangaon Ordnance Factory

The Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC)

*This is a revisions not an all out deletion. Only two cities of this entity are being removed.

FDI in farm inputs

2493. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to encourage foreign direct investment in farm inputs ;

(b) if so, whether the interests of indigenous industry have been keept in mind while finalizing the proposal; and

(c) what are the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Agriculture sector is not permissible as per the present policy. However, foreign equity upto 100% is allowed in farm input sector such as fertilizer, agrochemicals, certified high yielding hybrid seeds and synthetic seeds. FDI in these sectors supplements the efforts of the indigenous industry by way of induction of foreign equity and technology.